

Application No.: 09/933,334
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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1 and 3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2000-218130. Claims 1 and 3 have also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Say et al. (5,790,934). Claims 1 and 3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 05154348 in view of Say and Gutkowski et al. (3,152,988). Claim 22 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '130 in view of Tomizawa (5,740,725), JP '348 in view of Say, Gutkowski, and Tomizawa, and as being unpatentable over Say in view of Tomizawa. Claims 20 and 21, however, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form. Accordingly, claim 20 has been added into claim 1, and the language of claim 1 has been added into claim 21.

As there are now allowable independent claims, allowance of the previously withdrawn claims is respectfully requested.

As a multitude of claims now exist which depend from claim 1 (and which are allowable by virtue of their dependency on allowable claim 1), corresponding claims have been added which depend from claim 21.

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In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application
is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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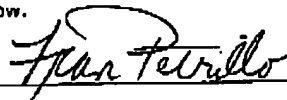
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